


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 
DATE: March 28, 2024
RE: **Request to Agendize for the April 2, 2024 Legislative Meeting**

This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the April 2, 2024 Legislative Meeting:

- **Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
- **Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2024**

The purpose of these measures is to amend the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999 to allow applicants for local rent supplement vouchers to self-certify eligibility factors such as income, and to prohibit the Housing Authority from inquiring into an applicant's immigration status or prior criminal arrests, convictions, or pending criminal matters for purposes of determining eligibility for or receipt of a local rent supplement voucher.

On July 11, 2023, the Council approved the Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, effective September 16, 2023 (D.C. Law 25-57; 70 DCR 13068) which expires on April 28, 2024. The permanent measure (Bill 25-49) is pending in the Committee on Housing. A third emergency enactment is necessary to prevent a gap in the law.

Copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or Blaine Stum, Senior Policy Advisor, if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.

cc: All Councilmembers
Council Officers